

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PUERTO RICO OVERSIGHT, MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMIC STABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MATT SALMON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5278) to establish an Oversight Board to assist the Government of Puerto Rico, including instrumentalities, in managing its public finances, and for other purposes:

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Chair, I rise today to speak to an action taken by the Puerto Rican Secretary of Health who issued Administrative Order No. 346 on February 9, 2016. This Order is noteworthy in that it was issued without the benefit of review by Puerto Rico's legislature, and without any prior notice or comment period afforded to impacted parties that typically accompanies the publication of such Orders.

Order No. 346 imposes an unprecedented set of regulatory requirements and fees on the nutritional dietary supplement industry that will invariably increase the cost to consumers who rely upon nutritional supplements as an adjunct to their normal diet.

This Order creates significant economic barriers to acquiring nutritional supplements that have been widely accepted by consumers as a way of maintaining healthy lifestyles and preventing adverse health events in their lives.

The Congress has recognized the importance of encouraging American adults to maintain minimum average daily intake of a variety of nutrients that are essential to maintaining health and well-being. The U.S. government has encouraged and funded a broad range of consumer education initiatives across the spectrum of public health agencies in the federal government with the goal of providing consumers with valuable information about the importance of the minimum daily nutritional intake standards required to maintain good health.

Nutrition experts at the Harvard School of Public Health have emphasized the importance of a food pyramid that recommends a "daily multivitamin plus extra vitamin D (for most people)."

Researchers at Tufts University have designed a specific food guide for the elderly that features the benefits of daily supplements of calcium, vitamin D, and vitamin B-12 that are needed for optimal health.

The American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has issued a policy statement that emphasizes the importance of good food choices, and it also recognizes that nutritional supplements can help some people meet their daily nutritional needs.

Supplements should be seen as one component of the search for a healthier lifestyle, including improvements in overall food habits and engaging in physical exercise. Much of

the current research on nutrition and health focuses on prevention of chronic disease, but the primary reason most people use multivitamins and other nutritional supplements is to support overall wellness.

I was astounded to me to find out about Order No. 346 issued by the Puerto Rican Secretary of Health that imposes a set of onerous market access fees in Puerto Rico for nutritional supplements, including a \$25 fee on retailers and distributors for every variation of the supplement by size, flavor, and stock keeping unit ("SKU").

But the "money grab" did not stop there.

Manufacturers must file an application and pay an additional \$500 fee every 2 years for products that they intend to sell in Puerto Rico.

Wholesale and Retail distributors must also register and pay an additional \$100 fee every 2 years.

Facilities are subject to inspection, and must pay a \$50 fee every 2 years.

In addition, Order No. 346 also imposes an additional significant administrative burden by requiring quality control data, Certificates of Analysis, the process used to obtain the product, label samples, promotional materials, Advertisements, Laboratory Certificates, and any and all warning statements which the FDA does not require of retailers of any regulated goods, which includes foods, drugs, and devices.

These requirements are transparently only justifications for the imposition of this new regimen of fees.

This onerous new fee structure may have the unintended consequence of usurping the role of the FDA in regulating the introduction of nutritional supplements into commerce as this Congress has determined by statute to be sufficient.

There has not been any significant incident in Puerto Rico where a nutritional supplement manufacturer has introduced a tainted product to consumers. Nor is there any record of any significant number of adverse events attributable to the sale of nutritional supplements to Puerto Rican consumers. Furthermore, there are no reports of abusive commercial activities by nutritional supplement retailers in Puerto Rico.

Finally, there are no unique public health concerns or issues attributable to nutritional supplement manufacturing or sales to consumers in Puerto Rico that have not been fully and adequately addressed by the FDA.

Federal public health agencies, research organizations, and non-government organizations widely encourage the use of nutritional supplements to maintain minimum dietary intake, particularly for at-risk populations like the elderly and low-income families.

Intuitively, one would think that the Public Health Agency responsible for the promotion of health and well-being of the people of Puerto Rico would be tearing down any barrier that exists for its people to access nutritional foods and supplements that promote the health and well-being of families.

But the reality is, and it is a conundrum that is well known to this body, is that Puerto Rico is in the midst of a serious financial crisis for which it is seeking relief.

As I understand it, Order No. 346 is a transparent and perverse way for the Puerto Rican government to generate revenue. I cannot help but remember the lyrics of a favorite song of mine sung by country music star Waylon Jennings, "Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places."

Is it not wrong to be looking for new revenue by increasing the costs to Puerto Rican families for nutritional supplements that assist them in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and thereby help them avoid adverse and costly health events that would incur potentially avoidable costs both to patients and government health care programs?

Is it not wrong for the Secretary of Health to impose a back-door tax on nutritional supplements without the benefit of a statute authorizing these fees enacted by the Puerto Rican legislature?

Is it not wrong to single out one industry, particularly an industry whose products support a public policy to promote the health and well-being of its citizens—particularly the elderly and children?

How can the Puerto Rican government come to this Congress and expect to be taken seriously in their request for fiscal relief from their current debt burden when they are continuing to enact policies like Order No. 346 that are so grossly counterintuitive to good government policy?

My colleague, Mr. ZINKE, has authored a legislative remedy that will nullify Puerto Rico Administrative Order No. 346.

I fully support this legislative effort that will protect the people of Puerto Rico from arbitrary and onerous restrictions on their access to nutritional supplement products, and threatens to damage the economic growth of the economy in Puerto Rico.

If Administrative Order No. 346 is allowed to stand, the cumulative effect of a new layer of bureaucratic "red tape" and the unjustified imposition of regulatory fees will make Puerto Rico the costliest place to do business by natural products retailers anywhere in the United States or its territories.

Low income consumers will likely be forced away from legitimate retailers on the Island and seek access to reasonably priced products on the Internet. The problem with that strategy is that the Internet is well known as a haven for counterfeit products and fly-by-night suppliers who regularly avoid the scrutiny of the FDA and failed to maintain good manufacturing practices for the production of its products.

The perverse outcome of Administrative Order No. 346 is that it will actually increase the threat to public health among the citizens of Puerto Rico.

An equally perverse outcome of Administrative Order No. 346 is that many Puerto Rican families will be unable to afford the increase in prices on nutritional supplements that they rely

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upon, and they will likely forgo those expenditures. Low income families will be hit the hardest as they are less likely to get nutrition they need from food alone, and nutritional supplements our key part of their maintaining the health and well-being.

And I would ask my colleagues to consider this: Administrative Order No. 346, if it is allowed to stand, sets a dangerous precedent for every legitimate business operating in Puerto Rico today. If the Congress fails to nullify this order, nothing will stand in the way of the Government of Puerto Rico from imposing similar regulatory regimens on every other industry on the Island, without any notice or debate, and it will become the incubator for this terrible policy to migrate to other states and territories who are looking to enhance revenues.

Much of what we do here in the Congress is to establish public policies to protect consumers from exploitive and predatory actions of unscrupulous manufacturers of products that economically harm our citizens.

We are confronted today by a desperate Puerto Rican Government who appears to have set aside its duty to responsibly enact public policies that are consistent with the regular order of commerce, particularly as it relates to nutritional supplements, and has embarked on a clearly exploitive and predatory path to fleece nutritional supplement manufacturers and penalize its own consumers in the process.

The Congress is now required to act to defend its own authority and regulatory framework for nutritional supplement products as administered by the FDA, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Justice. We must act in order to prevent this exploitive and predatory action by the Puerto Rican Government that will have the inevitable consequence of harming its own citizens.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 9, 2016

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in reluctant opposition to H.R. 5325, Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2017.

Although I support most of the programs and services this bill helps to fund including the Capitol Police, the independent budgetary and economic analysis of the Congressional Budget Office and the nonpartisan oversight work of the Government Accountability Office, as well as the language to stop this year's COLA for Congress, I must oppose the bill on the grounds that it has become a vehicle for the House Majority to advance an ideological agenda.

Funding in the bill has been used to finance the Benghazi Committee, to defend the misnamed "Defense of Marriage Act," to sue the President over the Affordable Care Act and to

fund the witch hunt against Planned Parenthood. Now the Majority wants to use this appropriations bill to order the Library of Congress to use politically charged terminology to refer to classes of people in the United States.

It is unfortunate that the Majority has chosen to play politics with this appropriations bill instead of devoting the time to shaping policies that actually serve the country.

REMEMBERING NOPD OFFICER NATASHA HUNTER

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Natasha Hunter, a 12-year veteran of the New Orleans Police Department. Officer Hunter embodied every quality you could dream of in a public servant. To her, being a police officer was more than just a job. It was an opportunity to help people when they had a problem, console them through a tough time, and inspire them to be something greater than they ever thought they could be.

Impactful police work is more than protecting and serving. It is becoming part of the fabric of the community, and few officers are as deeply woven into the city of New Orleans as Officer Hunter. She was a hero, taken from us and her family far too early by an avoidable tragedy.

On June 5, 2016 Officer Hunter sustained grave injuries from being struck by a drunk driver while in her police unit. Two days later on June 7, she succumbed to her injuries and passed away.

This loss hits especially hard because a 5-year old girl has just lost her mother. A mother that loved her, provided for her, and did her best to make the community she grew up in safe.

I share in the pain that the city has endured since her passing and I will always remember Officer Hunter's gallant sacrifice and unconquerable dedication every time she put on her uniform. My deepest condolences and prayers are with Officer Hunter's family, her fellow officers, but especially her young daughter Jasmine. Your mother will always protect you as she has protected all of us her entire career.

IN HONOR OF CARL E. FITCHETT JR.

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to seek to honor the life of Carl E. Fitchett, Jr., who passed away May 29, 2016 in Smithfield, North Carolina at the age of 93.

Mr. Fitchett had a fierce passion for serving his community, as made apparent through his past roles as director of the N.C. Oil Jobbers Association, president of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce, and Commander of the American Legion. He also served as president of the Dunn Rotary Club which awarded him the

Man of the Year award in 1958, and was a deacon, elder, and trustee at First Presbyterian Church of Dunn. In addition to his volunteer leadership roles in the Dunn community, Carl served in World War II and owned and operated Fitchett Oil Co., retiring in 1991.

Mr. Fitchett is survived by his wife, Vivian; two children, Carl and Vivian; and four grandchildren, Duncan, Margaret, Austin and Katherine.

Carl Fitchett, like so many of our community leaders, sacrificed time to better the lives of those around him. He spent his entire life helping those in Harnett County, and we are forever indebted to him for his dedication in serving the local community, especially his hometown of Dunn. He truly embodied the role of the local hero.

NEED TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED MINORITY COMMUNITIES

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, in light of the myriad of issues facing Americans living in poverty, I am disappointed that my Republican colleagues chose a drug treatment center as the location to unveil their anti-poverty proposal last week. Assuming the poor are more prone to impulsivity and addiction ignores the reality that poverty is often the result of a constellation of compounding difficulties that are exacerbated by poor access to healthcare and our nation's historic disinvestment in public health. Today, I am here to highlight the impact these complications have on my most vulnerable constituents and the role we all play in addressing them.

The harsh disparities faced by my constituents in Alabama's Black Belt intersect at the nexus of poverty, demographics, and geographic access.

Women in certain parts of my district have to drive to distant counties, sometimes two hours, to give birth to their babies. Folks in Choctaw County, Alabama have to travel over 100 miles to the closest full-service urban hospital or to see a specialist. In 6 of the 14 counties I represent, there are fewer than 5 primary care physicians, county-wide.

The prostate cancer death rate in Alabama for black men was triple that of white men from 2000 to 2010. For all cancers, the mortality rate among blacks was more than double that of the white population during the same time period.

There are many settings that would have better told the story of struggling Americans than an addiction treatment center. An emergency room in a rural hospital in my district would have been a great place to start.

In this setting, the group would meet the working Alabamians who fall into our state's Medicaid gap. With the lowest Medicaid eligibility cap in the country, the working poor are left with no option for affordable health coverage.

Because of financial constraints, these individuals ignore small health care concerns until they compound to make for an emergency situation, which can only be addressed in the expensive setting of an emergency room. There

are many who leave the emergency room less able to work and provide for their families because of the long-term impact of allowing untreated health issues to compound.

In addition to severe access issues, generations of men and women in Alabama's 7th District have been negatively impacted by the tortured legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study. While I applaud decisions to provide medical benefits to the family members infected, and the apology issued by President Clinton in 1997, these actions only began to address the damage this 40 year experiment had on our most vulnerable communities.

There are decades of research that show that minorities often do not seek treatment for conditions because of distrust of health care providers regarding diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment. The mistrust the Tuskegee study generated interferes with attempts to combat HIV/AIDS, sickle cell anemia, uterine fibroids, prostate cancer and a myriad of other conditions that disproportionately impact minority groups.

If we are serious about addressing health disparities in rural and underserved communities, we must start by working to restore the faith all of our constituents have in the medical establishment, particularly public health programs, vaccinations, and clinical trials. We should view this as an issue needing as much intervention as drug abuse and inner-city violence.

I was sent to Congress by one of the most underserved constituencies in the country to build upon programs that work and craft new proposals to reverse this cursed course. I look forward to working with my colleagues to strengthen the Medicare and Medicaid programs, invest in health education and medical research, and incentivize providers to practice in rural and underserved communities.

RECOGNIZING BLUE MONDAY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MEN'S HEALTH

HON. DAVID A. TROTT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Blue Monday, to bring awareness to the health issues faced by men across the country.

The importance of striving for a healthy society is something we can all agree on. Despite the fact that one in seven men will be affected by prostate cancer, men's health doesn't always receive the attention it deserves. Men are more at risk for heart disease, cancer, diabetes, depression, and many more illnesses, yet nearly one in ten have not seen a physician in more than five years, and as many as 70 percent have waist sizes exceeding healthy standards. These issues affect not only men, but our whole families, and we should all work together toward healthier lifestyles.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the Men's Health Foundation in Southeast Michigan in helping men take steps to better health. Blue Monday kicks off International Men's Health Week which provides important educational opportunities to increase awareness for detection and prevention of the diseases that kill millions of our fathers, husbands,

brothers, and sons each year. I would encourage all men to celebrate Blue Monday by getting screened, exercising, and eating right to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer and other diseases.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Michael Lutz for his efforts to address men's health issues in our community and wish everyone a happy Blue Monday.

HONORING EDNA BEVERLY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Edna Beverly.

Mrs. Beverly was born on a plantation in Sidon, Mississippi to the late Roosevelt and Betsy Oliver. Mrs. Beverly had to go to the field with her grandparents (the late Albert and Emma Oliver) and parents, where they were sharecroppers earning \$5 a week. She had to stay near the water truck because she was young. She would not be afraid because she could see and hear them singing spirituals, until they were out of site. She would then be there alone for hours until they returned. Her parents and grandparents encouraged her to do and be the best that she could be.

Mrs. Beverly attended elementary school on the plantation at St. John Baptist Church Elementary. The school consisted of only one classroom.

Her family decided to relocate to Chicago, Illinois when she was only 12 years old. Mrs. Beverly attended Marshall High School and Taylor Business Institute in Chicago, where she graduated with honors receiving a degree in Computerized Accounting.

She accepted her call to the Ministry in 1991, obtained her license in 1995 and was ordained in 1996.

Mrs. Beverly worked with the youth department, teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, and spiritual songs for many years.

She later moved to Ruleville, Mississippi in 2001, and married Mr. Marvin Beverly, who was a school teacher at Ruleville Central High School. They were happily married until his death in 2005.

She worked for several years as a remedial reading tutor at Ruleville Central Elementary School serving 437 students.

Mrs. Beverly has received several awards: a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Haley Barbour; AmeriCorp Leadership Community Service; and Congressional Community Service.

She became the first black City Clerk/Tax Collector for the City of Ruleville in 2005.

Mrs. Beverly's greatest passion is her Ministry and her love for children. She is currently serving as Sunday School Superintendent, and assisting her Pastor, Rev. Claude Raine, at Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Ruleville.

Mrs. Beverly is the proud mother of four wonderful children, the grandmother of ten amazing grandchildren, and the great grandmother of one.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Edna Beverly for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL DANCE WEEK FOUNDATION

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, many individuals and organizations strive to bring awareness, enlightenment and entertainment to our community through culture and dance; and

Whereas, The National Dance Week Foundation was formed in 1981 to bring greater recognition to dance; giving us a unique opportunity for our nation to showcase the different musicians, writers, producers, promoters, performers and dancers who have contributed to making Dance a heavyweight in the industry of entertainment around the world; and

Whereas, today we celebrate the kickoff of National Dance Week in the Fourth Congressional District by witnessing performers showcase Dance to our community; and

Whereas, Mrs. Susan Winfrey Dupar of Covington, Georgia serves as an Ambassador for the National Dance Week Foundation, is promoting and instructing the young and old in dancing, she is giving of herself to make a difference in the lives of others. Our beloved District has found a jewel in the art of dancing, it promotes fun fitness and dance touches the minds and souls of untold millions; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in times of joy and sorrow through dance; putting rhythm in our feet, adrenalin in our blood and pizzazz in our spirits; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the gift of Dance as a unique and wonderful cultural contribution to our District, the Nation and the world; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016 as National Dance Week Foundation Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 22nd day of April, 2016.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RALPH KETNER

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Ralph Ketner, co-founder of the grocery store chain Food Lion, who passed away at the age of 95 on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Ketner family as they mourn the loss of this great man.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Mr. Ketner learned early on the value of a hard day's work, receiving a single penny for each chicken he plucked at his family's house. While it was far from glorious work, that never bothered Mr. Ketner and he used the lessons from those early days to launch one of the most successful grocery store chains in the country. In 1957, Ralph Ketner opened the first Food Town store in Salisbury, North Carolina. When the store initially opened, it struggled to differentiate itself from the competition

until he took a major risk and began an aggressive price cutting program. However, the risk paid off and the results were revolutionary. With the rallying cry of "Lowest Food Prices in North Carolina," Mr. Ketner went from having one store to owning one of the largest grocery franchises.

Even though his professional accomplishments are outstanding, Mr. Ketner's proudest achievements came in what he was able to give back to the community through his many philanthropic works. During his lifetime, he never forgot to thank those that made it all possible and helped whenever he could. After the success of Food Lion, Mr. Ketner donated millions of dollars to support various education projects including the development of the business school at Catawba College which now proudly bears his name.

Ralph Ketner was a remarkable man known for his dedication, passion, and kindness. You would be hard pressed to find anyone who does not speak of him with the utmost respect and admiration. I will always cherish the time I spent with Mr. Ketner. I will never forget his friendship, humor, and sound advice. While we mourn the loss of Mr. Ketner, there is no doubt that his legacy will live on through not only his professional success but also the countless lives he was able to touch.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the remarkable life of Mr. Ralph Ketner.

HONORING MARTIN GROCER PENNY STORE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vicksburg, Mississippi's tiniest and oldest grocery store, Martin Grocer Penny Store. Martin Grocer Penny Store has been a thriving force in Vicksburg, MS for nearly fifty years.

Martin Grocer Penny Store was a single-room grocery attached to Ms. Exelena Martin's home. The store remains mostly in its original condition. The loud clank of the cowbell alerted Ms. Martin when she had customers. The ceiling slants at a steep pitch and is less than 6 feet high at the northern wall. Two bare light bulbs provided all the light shoppers needed in the full service store which had no particular hours.

The 83-year-old Exelena Martin decided it was time to retire in November 2015. Martin's is an example of a small business weathering the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Martin Grocer Penny Store for its longevity and dedication to serving Vicksburg, MS.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Girl

Scout Gold Award, the highest and most prestigious award in the Girl Scouts organization, which has produced one million young women as leaders and change agents in their communities.

Since 1916, this award has honored high school-aged Girl Scouts who answer the call to "Go Gold" and put in years of research and hard work to facilitate large-scale community service projects. The impact these young women are having on the world around them far exceeds their average age of 17 years old.

As the Girl Scouts' highest achievement, Gold Award recipients who enlist in the U.S. armed forces may enter at one rank higher than other recruits. Universities and colleges around the country also offer scholarships to young women who receive this award.

Sarah Banach, of Enfield, Connecticut, created and implemented coding lesson plans for young women at her local middle school to help bridge the gender gap in STEM-related fields. Loren McClendon, of Jacksonville, Fla., trained almost 500 adults in her community on how to recognize warning signs of strokes. Kaitlin Greenough, of Zephyrhills, Fla., developed an entire curriculum to teach elementary school-aged children about the Florida water system and water conservation. These are just a few of the countless community service projects taken on by Girl Scouts from the illustrious ranks of Gold Award recipients.

As an organization, the Girl Scouts have allowed millions of girls nationwide to become involved in their communities and take on leadership roles while building courage, confidence and critical life skills. There are currently 3 million Girls Scouts nationwide and 50 million alumnae, a testament to founder Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low's original mission to empower girls with confidence, courage, and character.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to recognize this organization, particularly my local troop, the Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida, in Congress. I am inspired by what these esteemed Gold Award recipients have been able to accomplish in 100 years and look forward to seeing them succeed for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO SHERRIE ADAMS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Sherrie Adams is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Smoke Rise Elementary School, who has demonstrated twenty-nine years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Smoke Rise Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Smoke Rise Elementary School, her soror-

ity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and the YMCA in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Adams can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is the wife of Dr. Michael S. Adams, Sr., the mother of Michael, Jr., and Matthew. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and ask for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Sherrie Adams for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Smoke Rise Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as: Mrs. Sherrie Adams Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of May, 2016.

CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Lucas Lutheran Church in South Toledo. On Sunday, June 12, the church dedicated a state historic marker as part of its 130th anniversary celebration. The celebration began on Mothers Day 2016 with a concert featuring the Toledo Symphony's Brass Quintet.

St. Lucas is a progressive Lutheran Church wrapping itself around its congregants in their faith journeys. It describes itself as "a faith community of many ministries and many ministers. In all we do we strive to glorify Jesus Christ."

The church began on March 21, 1886 when a group of people met in the home of Louis Burman to discuss the formation of a Lutheran church in Toledo's southern neighborhood to serve the Germans settling there. Though first meeting in borrowed space, by 1887 the congregation had its own church building and parsonage on Walbridge Avenue. With both German and English services, a Ladies Aid Society, Young People's Society and choir, the church was well established. Though these organizations were briefly disbanded, by 1897 they were a permanent part of the mission of St. Lucas. That same year, a monthly paper was published in coordination with two other congregations, with an eventual readership in 1200 homes.

As it grew, the church outgrew its space and the last services in St. Lucas' first church building were held on May 8, 1910. The new building was a reflection of the church's origins as a German mission church and built in the Gothic revival style. During the 1911 dedication celebration of the new church building, the congregation received a German language Bible inscribed by Kaiser Wilhelm II. The dedication also saw the first English-speaking sermon, offered by Pastor Hugo Hamfeldt. Soon Sunday services were spoken in English. The church undertook renovations in 1931, 1945, 1961 and as part of its 1986 centennial celebration in order to "enhance and update the

worship atmosphere." In the 1960s as the ecumenism movement flourished, St. Lucas was a charter member of the Old South End's ecumenical organization known as CROSS (Christians Relating Our Savior on the South Side.) CROSS has engaged in exchanges in the pulpit, Thanksgiving Eve and Unity Good Friday services, Feed Your Neighbor food pantry and children's summer services. As the neighborhood changed, St. Lucas continued to adapt itself, "taking risks for the sake of the Gospel." It now sits in the heart of a neighborhood with many challenges, yet the church soldiers on meeting the needs of its congregation and neighborhood through outreach.

Now as it comes to its 130th anniversary, St. Lucas Lutheran Church proudly dedicates a historic marker outlining the church's history in the neighborhood. A special feature of the dedication ceremony is the world premiere of a hymn which was commissioned especially for the 130th anniversary. With words and music by the parish's husband and wife team of Michael and Karen Biscay, Choirmaster Ron Lang conducts the St. Lucas Choir, accompanied by organist Jamie Dael in the fast-ever performance of the anthem. At its 125th anniversary, the Biscays wrote a hymn in tribute to the congregation's German heritage and this work is also featured in Sunday's dedication ceremony. I was pleased to join the congregation and members of our community in celebrating this joyous occasion.

St. Lucas Lutheran Church stands today in testament to the faith and perseverance of its members through the ages. Generations have worshiped together, prayed together, served together. Truly, it can be said of St. Lucas that its congregation has lived the Gospels and Christ's message as written in Matthew 12:30–31 to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbor as yourself." As the congregation of St. Lucas Lutheran Church continues on its faith journey, living the Gospel and sharing Christ's message of Love, it stands on a rich and deep history. The Ohio Historic Marker records that history as the church turns forward to a future strong in its faith.

HONORING MAYOR MARCUS
WALLACE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable young entrepreneur and Mayor, Mayor Marcus Wallace of Edwards, Mississippi.

Marcus L. Wallace was raised in Edwards, MS. He attended school in Edwards and graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA in 1992, with a B.S. in Marketing. He is a successful businessman, serving as President and CEO of MAC & Associates, LLC. Additionally, Mr. Wallace is President of the Wall Group, a Sports & Entertainment Firm.

As a young entrepreneur who had a plan to become a general contractor, he has grown his company from \$500 projects to multimillion dollar projects, consisting of constructions of virtually every kind. To further expand the scope of his company's services, Mr. Wallace

established MAC & Associates, LLC, a division of MAC Construction Company. Mr. Wallace and the company's principals, collectively, have over 50 years of expertise in government, commercial, and private sector construction management. MAC Construction Company of Mississippi is licensed, bonded and insured. During the past 16 years, MAC has completed several projects throughout the state of Mississippi. It is one of the fastest growing minority owned construction firms in Mississippi. Mr. Wallace is the largest minority owner of the new Westin Hotel (under construction) in downtown Jackson and has ownership in the Iron Horse Grill.

In addition to his Construction prowess, Mr. Wallace has been a Sports Agent for professional athletes in the NBA and NFL, managed recording artists in the music industry and promoted concerts and comedy shows, and has extensive experience in the communication and transportation industries.

On December 8, 2014, Mr. Wallace was sworn in as Mayor of Edwards, MS. He hit the ground running even before his inauguration and hasn't slowed down. His inaugural decisions sent a strong message about his focus. Instead of hosting a celebratory event, he redirected the funds to help families in Edwards. He provided shoes for kids in Edwards and made Christmas special for children by delivering toys during the Christmas holidays. From those simple steps, his path has not wavered. His focus is on the citizens of Edwards, a town he acknowledges "needs everything". Mayor Wallace sees himself as "front line soldier" intent upon seeing that they get it. During Mayor Wallace's first year in office, the Town of Edwards has experienced a transformation unparalleled in its history. The following are major accomplishments during May for Mayor Wallace's tenure:

The police department has received new police cars, new uniforms, a new police chief, and the establishment of a Crime Task Force. Crime is down by 60 percent.

Edwards and Cal-Maine Foods partnership for infrastructure improvement: Cal-Maine provided financial assistance to Edwards for optioning the electrical easement that will serve power to their new pullet facility. Also, Cal-Maine hired a company to clear the roadside and repair the road from Highway 80 to the railroad. The partnership is valued at over \$75,000, with a \$10,000 cash contribution to the town.

Amnesty Day: Over \$200,000 was collected during Amnesty Day.

Community Building and Livestock Building Demolition: Edwards received \$150,000 from Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) and \$80,000 from Block Grant Funds.

New Legal Appointments: Mayor Wallace appointed a new legal team that consisted of Judge Frank Sutton as Edwards' new Municipal Judge, Mrs. Greta Mack-Harris as Municipal Prosecutor, and Mr. Omar Nelson as the town's attorney.

Edwards received a \$20,000 grant from MDOT to enhance the Edwards' exits on Interstate 20, east and west bound.

Established the Mayor's Annual Town Clean-Up Day.

Balanced the Town's budget.

Mr. Wallace is a committed civic leader and strong supporter of communities throughout central Mississippi. He is a born leader, respected for both his character and work ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mayor Marcus Wallace for his dedication to serving our great state of Mississippi.

TRIBUTE TO DAPHNE KING

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, our greatest and most valuable assets are our children. Our children are the future and are educated and shaped by our teachers; and

Whereas, Mrs. Daphne Jackson King is a teacher in DeKalb County, Georgia and an educator at Dunaire Elementary School, who has demonstrated thirty two years of dedicated leadership and raising student achievement in my district; and

Whereas, Mrs. King has been awarded the honor of Teacher of the Year 2016, recognizing her exceptional teaching style at Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman is active at Dunaire Elementary School, her church, and in her community, in Decatur, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. King can be described as a Proverbs 31 woman. She is a wife, mother, daughter and a sister. She is devoted to serving our community daily as an educator who imparts knowledge and skills for the overall success of our children. She is a motivator, an innovator and a model citizen who gives and asks for nothing in return; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Daphne Jackson King for her leadership and service to my District and in recognition of this singular honor as 2016 Teacher of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Mrs. Daphne Jackson King Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ON
THE GRAND OPENING OF THE
FIU IN D.C. OFFICE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florida International University on the grand opening of the FIU In D.C. office located just steps from the U.S. Capitol. Since opening its doors in 1965, FIU has grown to become the number one university in awarding bachelor's and master's degrees to Hispanic and other minority students. With the new expansion, FIU has ensured that students seeking opportunities in our nation's capital have the resources they need to succeed.

In the past five years, hundreds of FIU Panthers have come to D.C. as interns and fellows to work for non-profits, federal agencies

and private firms. From the White House to the halls of Congress, FIU students have also been an integral part of the executive and legislative branches of government. As the faces of FIU in D.C., interns and fellows learn about federal policy and expand their professional network. I am sure that my colleagues agree when I say our congressional FIU interns are Worlds Ahead.

Blocks away from Capitol Hill, FIU's new office will bring together ideas, connections and solutions through speaker series and research seminars. Local alumni and visiting faculty will connect and learn in the brand new 3,500-square-foot space that includes classrooms, conference areas and a multi-purpose tech center.

Under the leadership of President Mark B. Rosenberg, FIU has seen exponential growth in both the student body and its facilities. In promoting a strong alumni network, he has ensured FIU's future is as bright as its students. I am especially proud of the work the FIU faculty and administration do to promote exceptional learning and professional development.

The opening of this D.C. office is a testament to FIU providing ladders of opportunity to graduates and others. Congratulations on the new office and I look forward to FIU making an even greater impact in our nation's capital.

HONORING DIANTHIA FORD-KEE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diantia Ford-Kee, who is a director, leader, and educator.

While at Fayetteville State, Ford-Kee competed in basketball and softball. There she was a member of the 1979 CIAA Women's Basketball Championship Team and the 1982 CIAA Softball Championship Team. Ford-Kee earned several All Conference and Tournament Team honors and was selected MVP of the 1982 Softball Championship Tournament. In 1982, she was selected Fayetteville State University's Athlete of the Year and was the youngest inductee into Fayetteville State University's Athletic Hall of Fame (1997).

After earning her Master of Arts degree in Public Affairs from Northern Illinois University, Ford-Kee joined Shaw University as the Lady Bears' head volleyball and softball coach and assumed the role of Senior Woman Administrator (SWA).

She guided her volleyball program to a Tournament Championship in 1995 while earning four CIAA Softball Championships (1993, 1994, 1996, and 2003). Among several other accolades, Ford-Kee was a two-time Volleyball Coach of the Year (1995 and 2001) and four-time Softball Coach of the Year (1993, 1994, 1996, and 2003).

In 2004, Ford-Kee became Shaw University's Associate Athletics Director. During that time, she was named the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA)—2006 NCAA Division II Female Athletic Administration of the Year.

Ford-Kee served five impactful years (2008–13) as the Director of Athletics at Lincoln University (PA) where she was credited with the improvement of retention and graduation rates

of student-athletes. She successfully headed the transition from NCAA Division III to Division II and the return of Lincoln University to the CIAA.

Ford-Kee was honored by the Black Women in Sports Foundation for her accomplishments at Lincoln University and in the field of athletics with the Legends Award. She has received several honors in the state of North Carolina; she was a 1998 inductee in the Wake County Academy for Women for Athletics and a 1999 nominee of the Governor's Distinguished Woman Award for Athletics.

In October of 2009, she was honored as the recipient of the Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Golden Anniversary Alumni Award. Ford-Kee was one of fifty alumni who have distinguished themselves in the careers that have contributed to the worlds of education, science, scholarship, business, law, medicine, community leadership and engagement, philanthropy and government service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Diantia Ford-Kee, a Director, Leader and Educator for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American Community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT D. DEAN, FOUNDING CHAIR LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY'S MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA CHAPTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Robert D. Dean, Founding Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman of the Year campaign for the Greater Sacramento Area Chapter. As 2016 marks the 20th anniversary of this important event, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Dean for his leadership and commitment in the community to raising awareness and vital funds in the fight against blood cancer.

In 1997, in the aftermath of losing his son Bobby to leukemia at the age of 19, Mr. Dean set forth to honor his son's memory by founding an annual event that would unite adults, students, families, businesses, schools, and organizations from throughout the Sacramento region to partner with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to raise funds for blood cancer research, and to provide patient services for those suffering from the disease. Over the past 20 years, the Man & Woman of the Year event has brought together hundreds of volunteers, many who themselves are cancer survivors, to work towards finding a cure.

In great part due to Mr. Dean's dedication to this cause, nearly \$5 million has been raised, which has helped to fund breakthrough research and lifesaving therapies that have dramatically increased survivorship in both adults and children. In taking a stand against blood cancer, Mr. Dean has continued to honor his son in the most meaningful way—by giving hope to others.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Robert D. Dean, Founding Chair of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Man & Woman

of the Year campaign, as he celebrates the 20th anniversary of this important community event. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his exemplary volunteerism on behalf of cancer patients and families, as well as his ongoing dedication to the fight against blood cancer.

TRIBUTE TO GERMAINE COLES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are destined to contribute to the needs of our community through leadership and service; and

Whereas, Ms. Germaine Coles has answered that call by giving of herself as an Educational Support Specialist at Dunaire Elementary School, and as a mother, sister, daughter and friend; and

Whereas, Ms. Coles has been chosen as the 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year, representing Dunaire Elementary School; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents for the betterment of our community and our nation through her tireless works, unyielding support and words of encouragement; and

Whereas, Ms. Coles is a virtuous woman, a courageous woman and a fearless leader whose unequivocal vision, talents and passion, help to ensure that our children receive the support and education that is relevant for today, and well into the future; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Germaine Coles for her leadership and service for our District and in recognition of this singular honor as the 2016 Educational Support Professional of the Year at Dunaire Elementary School; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 11, 2016 as: Ms. Germaine Coles Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of May, 2016.

HONORING LUCILLE SHIRLEY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. Lucille Shirley.

Lucille Shirley was born February 23, 1948 to the late George and Margaret Shirley, in McComb, Mississippi. She completed her public education in the McComb Public Schools, graduating high school in 1967.

Lucille decided to join the military and enlisted January 25, 1968, completed Basic Training in Fort McClellan, Alabama and received advanced training at AIT in Fort Benjamin Harris, Indiana. Her military experience

spans fifteen years and includes: Fort Sill, Oklahoma—Clerk Typist; Fort Jackson, South Carolina—Drill Sergeant; Fort Bragg, North Carolina—Drill Sergeant; U.S. Army Base Zweibrücken, Germany—Administration; U.S. Army Base Busan, Korea—Staff Sergeant; Jackson, Mississippi—Receptionist; Jackson, Mississippi—Armed Forces Recruiting Station; 71L30 Administrative Specialist—10 years; and 71N30 Traffic Management Coordinator—5 years.

Lucille went to Jackson, Mississippi in 1977 and remained until 1979. While in Jackson, she was invited to a revival at Greater Bethlehem Temple Church. Little did she know that this revival would change her life. In October 1979, she was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

Lucille's other work experiences were: Krystal's Restaurant—Management 1980–1982; W.H. McCoy Federal Building 1982–1983; Mississippi Veteran's Medical Center 1993–1998; Greater Bethlehem Temple Church—Food Service 1993–2011; and Jackson Public School District—Special Education Transportation Attendant 2012–Present.

Lucille also has many honors and recognitions: National Defense Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Good Conduct Medal—4TH Award; Expert Badge M–16 Rifle Bar; Army Service Ribbon; NCO Professional Development; Overseas Service Ribbon; after all her successes she was also a cancer survivor—5 Years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Lucille Shirley for her dedication to serving others and giving back to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
ROBERT OSHITA AND REVEREND
PATTI OSHITA

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of my good friends, Reverend Robert “Bob” Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita, of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento Hongwanji Betsuin. As the community celebrates the departure of two excellent leaders, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their remarkable contributions to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the greater Sacramento community.

It is a great pleasure to recognize Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti, as Reverend Patti had served as Executive Assistant for my late husband, the Congressman Robert T. Matsui. Reverend Bob began ministering at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento in 1984 after completing both undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of California, Berkeley and ministerial training in Kyoto, Japan. Two years later, Reverend Bob married Reverend Patti, who attended California State University, Sacramento and also studied in Japan for her ministerial ordination. Together, they have become an institution at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Reverend Bob was the 36th minister of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento, and has served the church for 32

years. Reverend Patti was an assistant minister of the church and taught Sunday Dharma School classes. Both have proved to be excellent community leaders, leading with humility and providing comfort and guidance for those in need.

It is under the leadership of Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti that the membership of the Buddhist Church of Sacramento has grown to just under 1000 households. Through seeking out genuine human connections, Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have promoted a more unified community, both within the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and beyond. The dedication Reverend Bob and Reverend Patti have demonstrated is exemplary and the wisdom they have spread in the Sacramento area is truly invaluable.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community members Reverend Bob Oshita and Reverend Patti Oshita as they celebrate their service to the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Sacramento community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their outstanding work and wishing them the best in retirement.

TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN
DAY OF PRAYER

HON. HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, citizens of different cultures strive to bring awareness and enlightenment to our community; and

Whereas, the African American culture has been and continues to be a great gift to our nation through its inventions, music, literature, dance, food, art, native crafts and religion; and

Whereas, the power of prayer has sustained the African American race through generations. It continues to be a great tool in breaking bondages, bringing blessings and strengthening communities. Prayer brings about change to deliver, restore, build and resurrect; and

Whereas, our beloved District is blessed to have citizens that believe in the power of prayer; and

Whereas, our community has been strengthened in our awareness, our lives have been touched, and our spirits uplifted through the prayers that go up daily for the benefit of our District and our Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize all of the individuals that give of themselves for the betterment of others and to recognize this sacred day of prayer in the African American Community; now therefore, I, HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 4, 2016 as: The African American Day of Prayer Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 4th day of June, 2016.

BLUE SKY FOUNDATION—BOOTS
ON THE COURT PROGRAM

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dick Stockton and his wife Liz of Wellington, Florida for their continuous support for our men and women in uniform and their families through their charitable non-profit the Blue Sky Foundation.

As avid tennis players with successful careers on and off the court, Dick and Liz's passion for the game of tennis and community has resulted in a combined 40 years either playing the game, teaching the game, or giving back to their community through the game of tennis.

It was this mutual love of tennis and community that led Dick and Liz to establish Blue Sky Foundation, Inc. in 2008. This non-profit charitable organization was originally established with the goals of raising funds for different children's charities in order to give them a hope for a better tomorrow through sporting event fund raisers.

However, also seeking a way to pay tribute to past and current service members for their sacrifice to our country, Dick and Liz created the “Boots on the Court Program” which offers free tennis clinics from former tour players and certified teaching professionals to active service members, spouses, children, veterans, and wounded warriors.

Since their first clinic in July of 2013, Boots on the Court has traveled to 12 different locations and put on more than 18 different events across the nation and touched countless numbers of lives.

This month, on June 18th, Boots on the Court will be hosting their next event right here in Washington D.C. at Joint Base Andrews.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all military men and women in the area to attend this fantastic event and once again thank Dick and Liz Stockton and the staff at Blue Sky Foundation for their continued support of communities and military men and women across the nation.

HONORING L'DINA ROBINSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Ms. L'Dina Robinson, the Daughter Ruler and State President of the Greystone Temple of Daughter Elkton's. Ms. Robinson has held this position since 1957. Ms. Robinson has been a daughter member of the L. K. Atwood Elk's Lodge Number 518 located on Lynch Street since 1952, some 59 years.

Ms. Robinson is a product of the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended and graduated from Gilbert Academy High School. She also attended and graduated from Dillard University located in Louisiana. Ms. Robinson's work histories include: Office manager for the Historical Edward Lee Hotel of West Church

Street and Instructor at Campbell College located on Lunch Street. Ms. Robinson worked many years for the United States Veterans Administration Regional Office. She was first employed as a clerk and she retired as a senior executive several years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. L'Dina Robinson for her dedication to serving.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. STAFFORD
WICKER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker is celebrating forty (40) years in ministry and providing stellar leadership to his church; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church as an instrument in our community that uplifts the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has given hope to the hopeless and is a beacon of light to those in need; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Wicker is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a fearless leader and a servant to all, and most of all a visionary who has shared not only with his Church, but with our community and the nation his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker as he celebrates forty years in pastoral leadership; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Reverend Dr. Stafford J.N. Wicker Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

HONORING CHARLEEN R. SZABO

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with the Honorable LOIS FRANKEL, the Honorable PATRICK MURPHY, and the Honorable ALCEE HASTINGS, to recognize Charleen R. Szabo. Ms. Szabo will retire as the Director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center on June 30, 2016. We commend Ms. Szabo's career and offer our sincerest gratitude for her dedication of nearly 42 years of service to our veterans.

Ms. Szabo received her undergraduate degree from Utica College of Syracuse University and was later awarded her Master's degree from State University College of New York at Brockport. Charleen began her career at the Batavia, New York VA Medical Center before transferring to the Miami, Florida VA Medical Center. Throughout her career, she has devoted herself to the Richmond, Virginia

VA Medical Centers in Richmond, Virginia; Newington, Connecticut; Batavia, New York; Lebanon, Pennsylvania; and Miami, Florida.

As director of the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, she has made it a priority to direct the Center with respect and care for the needs of all local veterans. Ms. Szabo has worked endlessly to improve the lives of our veterans. She embodies the VA's mission to "Honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being."

The legacy Charleen Szabo leaves behind is a true testament to her commitment to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and to the men and women who served and protected our Nation. Her legacy will have a long-lasting impact on the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center for years to come. We offer Ms. Szabo our warmest congratulations and wish her a rewarding and rich retirement.

HONORING MRS. ORA B. PHIPPS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Ora B. Phipps.

Ora B. Peoples was born on October 21, 1928 to the late Rev. Claiborne and Elizabeth Peoples in Coahoma, MS. She was educated in her early years by the Coahoma County School system in a one room, one teacher, all black school. She attended Aggie High School and a college by Coahoma College. She grew up in a farming family. Often their school schedule was set around the farmers. Many students would drop out of school because work was more important than education. This stuck with her and later became very instrumental in shaping her and her family's life. She has 10 children (seven girls and 3 boys) which are the joy of her life.

In 1951 she moved to Marks, MS where she later married Armstead Phipps. They were both concerned about education. Their children were some of the first to integrate Marks Jr. High School better known then as the white school or bulldog. Their children suffered the abuse and ridicule that came with the movement but as parents they were committed to see this process through.

Armstead Phipps, husband, participated in the James Meredith March against Fear in 1966 in which he collapsed and died in the process of fighting for Civil Rights. He suffered a heart condition in which he was warned not to participate but he thought the cause was too important not to. He felt that his children would benefit from the integration of the school system. He said he would like to shake hands with Dr. Martin Luther King and Dick Gregory then everything would be alright. He asked his wife, Ora Phipps, to promise him that if anything happened that she would send their children to the white school. She kept that promise. At the time of his death a voter registration card was found in his wallet, which was one of his proudest achievements. His funeral was eulogized by the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Valley Queen Church in Marks, MS. That voter registration card was shown to the congregation at the funeral by Dr. King.

Ora B. Phipps was very instrumental in starting the first head start program in Marks, MS in the home of Mr. Brady on Martin Luther King Drive. They had no school buses to get the children to school. She and many other people solicited drivers, teachers, social workers, cooks, and everything necessary to start the program all by volunteers. The program then advanced to local churches in surrounding areas, finally the proposal to start and fund the program was submitted to the school board in Hotel Heidelberg at Jackson, MS. She was a visionary and a self-starter.

Her hobbies consist of gardening where she spends countless hours in the yard. This is a community garden in her yard where she gives to anyone that asks. She is known by everyone in the community for her giving nature and love for the people. She still is an active member of the Church of Christ in Lambert, MS.

Ora Phipps was honored in Birmingham, Alabama with the Southern Rural Black Women Initiative for Economic and Social Justice Award on March 6, 2010 for her brave efforts in fighting for social and economic justice.

Mr. Speaker, please help us to congratulate Mrs. Ora B. Phipps for her part in history.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER MINNIE
JONES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, for thirty-six years, Mother Minnie Jones served as President of the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2, in Decatur, Georgia. We are all thankful this virtuous woman of God accepting her call to serve in the leadership role of the Mother Board, assisting and serving the members of the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones began her membership at Beulah in 1952 and since joining the church, she has provided service to citizens from all walks of life. In 1978, Mother Jones initiated the formation of the Junior Mother Board at Beulah. She served in various other ministries at the church such as the Golden Eagles, the Missionary Board, and the Usher Board. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and

Whereas, this energetic, phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all. She is a powerful prayer warrior and intercessor for the congregation; and

Whereas, Mother Jones is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mother Jones on her outstanding years of leadership and service to the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 2; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016 as: Mother Minnie Jones Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2016.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 289, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 290, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 291, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 292, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 293, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On roll call no. 294, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 295, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

On roll call no. 296, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY DOMINO

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

"IF THERE BE ANY TRUER MEASURE OF A MAN THAN BY WHAT HE DOES, IT MUST BE BY WHAT HE GIVES."

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the English clergyman Robert South never met Larry Domino, but his words sum up exactly how Larry's family, friends and extended family of former athletes view this remarkable man.

Larry Domino wasn't born in Texas, but it seems he got to the Lone Star State as soon as he could. When Larry arrived from Depew, New York 35 years ago, he already had a heart as big as any native born son. After all, he is a diehard Buffalo Bills fan.

He's also a born educator. Larry Domino first earned his place in education with a degree from Buffalo State College and then earned a Masters from Sam Houston State University. Over the past three and half decades, Larry has taught, coached and been a school administrator in both the Aldine and Klein Districts. Currently, he is a beloved Associate Principal at Klein's Doerre Intermediate School.

When Larry married the love of his life, Tina Lee, 27 years ago next month, his Texas sized heart expanded. Then it grew even bigger when they welcomed the lights of their lives—daughters, Brita Susan and Lauren Ansley in 1995 and 1998.

Whether Larry Domino is known as teacher, dad, coach, or principal, generations of eager young people have achieved their dreams because Mr. D. believed in them.

Chonda Besse says "Mr D is a man of few words," but he taught her that "sometimes a few words are all it takes to change someone's life." She is honored to be thought of as a "daughter" in the Domino family.

One of his former swimmers at Eisenhower High School, Lisa Jost, remembers how Coach Domino told her "that I could do any-

thing I set my mind to doing, and that I could trust myself to do it well." She held on to that because "it had to be true if Coach said it." She says as a new teacher, her coach is still inspiring her.

Dr. Tina Elkins says what made Coach Domino different was that he coached them in and out of the water, providing a foundation that helped her become who she is today.

It's not just students who were impressed either, Eisenhower Principal Fred Richardson notes Coach Domino's "ability to develop relationships, with teachers, students and parents" and the "positive difference in the lives of many."

As Buffalo Bills coach Mary Levy says "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" Coach Domino, you found your best right here in Texas. And Texas is better off for your service to generations of young people who just needed someone to believe in them.

TRIBUTE TO SGT. MAJOR STANLEY HAYES

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, in the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, there are many individuals who are called to sacrifice for our country through military service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes has served in the United States Army, giving thirty years to our nation as a soldier. He has received numerous Military Citations for his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes has shared his time and talents as a family man, serviceman and mentor, giving the citizens of the United States a person of great worth, a fearless leader and a servant to all advancing the lives of others, through service to our country in the armed forces; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is an ideal husband, father, grandfather, brother and son; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes is a remarkable and courageous man who gives of himself, in defense of this nation; and

Whereas, Command SGT. Major Hayes along with his family and friends are celebrating today a remarkable milestone, his retirement from the United States Army; we pause to acknowledge a man who is a cornerstone in our community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Command SGT. Major Hayes on his retirement and to wish him well and recognize him for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 5, 2016 as: Command SGT. Major Stanley Lynn Hayes Day in Georgia's 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 5th day of June, 2016.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 10, 2016, I missed the following votes: the Ellison amendment to H.R. 5325, the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, the Takano amendment to H.R. 5325, the Pearce amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Ellison, Takano and Pearce amendments to H.R. 5325 and "yes" on the Blackburn amendment to H.R. 5325, final passage of H.R. 5325, adoption of H. Con. Res. 89, and adoption of H. Con. Res. 112.

MR. RICHARD JOHN TUSCANI

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute Mr. Richard John Tuscani.

Richard was born on June 13, 1916 and is known to be the oldest living WWII veteran in Suffolk County, NY. Originally from Corona, Queens, Mr. Tuscani has managed to see and do more than most people could hope to accomplish in two lifetimes.

Richard is a highly decorated WWII veteran, having served in New Guinea and the Philippines. During his time in the service, Mr. Tuscani received three Bronze Stars in addition to other awards such as the Victory Medal, the Philippines Presidential Unit Citation Badge and the Meritorious Service Award. The three Bronze Stars he received are for surviving a battle in Leyte, Philippines, another for surviving a kamikaze attack in New Guinea, and the last for the Philippines Liberation. Richard has also been extremely active in the community as well. During his historic lifetime, Richard was a fireman in New York City, oil truck driver, New York City building inspector, bus driver, local dock master, and school bus matron. His strong sense of civic duty and dedication to the community in the many professions he's undertaken exemplify just how incredible of a person he is.

Richard, an avid history and geography buff, likes to spend most of his time reading, studying history, and watching his New York Yankees. His late wife, Helen, was crowned "Miss Swift" at the New York World's Fair in 1939. He has a son, Richard G, and a daughter, June, who was born while Mr. Tuscani was overseas.

I would like to thank Richard, who will be turning 100 years old on June 13, 2016, for his years of dedication and service to our country and community. What he has managed to accomplish during his lifetime and give back to the country cannot be summarized in a few words; however it is important we honor these types of individuals as best we can. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to our country as graciously as he did. People like him are a

rare breed and they help make not only our country, but our world a much safer and better place.

TRIBUTE TO BETTY BAISDEN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, reaching the age of 80 years is a remarkable milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden was born on March 19, 1936 and today she is celebrating that milestone; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden has been blessed with a long, happy life, devoted to God and credits it all to the Will of God; she has been a devoted Christian since her childhood days to present as President of the Mothers Board at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, Mrs. Baisden is celebrating her 80th Birthday with her family members, church members and friends here in Georgia, she celebrates a life of blessings; as a Mother, Grandmother, friend, community servant and leader; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; an advocate, faithful matriarch and a community leader; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all, now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 19, 2016 as: Mrs. Betty Jane Baisden Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 19th day of March, 2016.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,219,465,874,275.48. We've added \$8,592,588,825,362.40 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO MOTHER ROVELMA THOMAS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, for ten years, Mother Rovelma Thomas served as President of the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 1, in Decatur, Georgia. We are all grateful for this virtuous woman of God accepting her call to serve in the leadership role of the Mother Board; and

Whereas, Mother Thomas began her membership at Beulah in 2000 and since joining the church, she has provided service to citizens from all walks of life. She has educated and mentored through various church ministries such as the Golden Eagles and the Ernestine Smith Bible Class. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother; and

Whereas, this phenomenal woman has shared her time and talents, giving the citizens of our District a friend to help those in need, a fearless leader and a servant to all, to ensure that the love of God touches everyone; and

Whereas, Mother Thomas, a twenty-three year veteran of Decatur City Schools, is a cornerstone in our community who has enhanced the lives of thousands for the betterment of our District and Nation; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Mother Thomas on her outstanding years of leadership and service to the Beulah Baptist Church Mother Board Number 1; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim June 11, 2016 as: Mother Rovelma Thomas Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 11th day of June, 2016.

A HEROIC ACT AT THE SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sean Kehren of Pine City, Minnesota who heroically saved a woman he had never met before from a fiery car crash on a busy interstate highway in Northern Minnesota. Sean was traveling south back to the University he attends after attending the eighth Congressional District Democratic Convention in Duluth, Minnesota when the car in front of his veered off the road, crashed into a tree and caught fire.

Sean ran to the driver's door of the car to see if the driver was injured. When he saw flames underneath the vehicle, Sean decided it was time to act and he pulled the driver out of the car. Then, with the assistance of the passengers in his car, he carried the driver to safety away from the burning vehicle. After rescuing the driver, Sean even accompanied her to a local hospital and helped her contact relatives so that she could be surrounded by her family after her accident.

When Sean was asked what motivated him to act so courageously, he was very humble. Sean said he was just doing the right thing and helping out a person in need. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sean for his selfless actions which put his own safety in jeopardy to save a stranger.

JUNE 12, 1987: RONALD REAGAN ADDRESSES PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, June 12th marks an important date in United States policy. Twenty-nine years to the day, President Ronald Reagan traveled to Berlin to speak out against communism and call on the President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, to tear down the Berlin Wall. This would become known as his famous "tear down this wall" speech.

The Berlin Wall grew in the aftermath of the Second World War. In 1945, the Allies split a defeated Germany into four allied occupation zones. The eastern part of the country went to the Soviet Union and the Western part of Germany went to the United States, Great Britain, and later France. Even though Berlin sat entirely in the Soviet territory, it too was divided into Eastern and Western occupation zones with the Soviets taking the East and the other allies taking the West part of the city.

As Berlin was split apart, so too was the relationship between the democratic United States and communist Soviet Union. These stark differences in political ideologies led to extreme tension in that area, and around the world.

So much so that the Soviet Union would often play the role of mischief maker in Germany. In 1948 the USSR began a blockade on West Berlin in the hopes of driving out the Western influences. However, due to the ingenious Berlin Airlift, the blockade was called off the following year. Following a decade of relative calm, the Soviet Union was once again up to no good. They were embarrassed by the steady flow of refugees from the Communist East into the Capitalist West part of Germany. In the first 11 days of August in 1961, 16,000 East Germans fled to West Germany. On August 12th alone, 2,400 people defected.

It was then that Soviet Premier Khrushchev closed the border between East and West Berlin for good. In 1961 the Berlin Wall officially came into existence. It stood 12 feet tall and 4 feet wide until the fall of communism. During that time, the only way to cross the border was through one of three checkpoints: Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie. But travelers were rarely allowed to cross the border.

The mischief of the USSR divided a city and separated friends, families, and loved ones. If you tried to cross the border you could be shot. At least 171 people died trying to escape to freedom. The Berlin Wall not only literally divided a city for 30 years, but stood as a brutal reminder of how cruel communism could be. It wasn't until communism began to thaw, with the help of President Reagan change was made.

On June 12, 1987, President Reagan traveled to Berlin to view the wall. That afternoon,

at the foot of the Brandenburg Gate, he made a speech that would reverberate across the world and through time.

He spoke directly to Gorbachev and said, in part, "Behind me stands a wall that encircles the free sectors of this city, part of a vast system of barriers that divides the entire continent of Europe . . . Standing before the Brandenburg Gate, every man is a German, separated from his fellow men. Every man is a Berliner, forced to look upon a scar . . . in the West today, we see a free world that has achieved a level of prosperity and well-being unprecedented in all human history. In the Communist world, we see failure, technological backwardness, declining standards of health, even want of the most basic kind—too little food. Even today, the Soviet Union still cannot feed itself. After these four decades, then, there stands before the entire world one great and inescapable conclusion: Freedom leads to prosperity. Freedom replaces the ancient hatreds among the nations with comity and peace. Freedom is the victor . . . There is one sign the Soviets can make that would be unmistakable, that would advance dramatically the cause of freedom and peace. General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: Come here to this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate! Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

The borders between East and West Germany were finally reopened in November 1989 and the official demolition of the Berlin Wall began on June 13, 1990, exactly 3 years and 1 day following President Reagan's speech. The June 12, 1987 speech given by President Reagan will be remembered forever as a win for freedom.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JAMES CECIL LINDLEY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the birthday of James Cecil Lindley. He will turn 100 on July 20th.

Mr. Lindley was born on July 20, 1916, in Randolph County, Alabama to James Pierce Lindley and Lettie Lipham Lindley. He attended school at New Home and Randolph County High. For college, he attended Snead College, Jacksonville State University and obtained a Master's Degree at the University of Alabama.

Mr. Lindley did his basic training for the Army in June of 1942 in Miami, Florida. He then went to Air Force training at Fort Logan, Colorado and later Peterson Field in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He served in the 5th Air Force with the 20th mapping squadron. During World War II, he served in the Philippines. Mr. Lindley was discharged after World War II at Camp Shelby in October 1945.

Mr. Lindley married Audrey Cofield and had two children: Don and Doyle (deceased). He also has a daughter-in-law, Sheila Ponder Lindley. He was blessed with four grandchildren: Tracy Lindley, James Robert (Rob)

Lindley (deceased), Cinda Lindley and Kerrie Lindley. And also blessed with four great-grandchildren: Lindley Thompson, Nic Thompson, Alycia Guyer and Eric Guyer.

Mr. Lindley taught vocational education in Piedmont and later in Oxford. He moved to Montgomery in 1964 as State Supervisor of Vocational Education (VICA) and later was inducted into the Alabama Educational Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the life and achievements of James Cecil Lindley and wishing him a happy 100th birthday.

2016 PORT CITIES WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June Kreutzkamp of Duluth, Minnesota for her service to her hometown. June is the 2016 recipient of the Woman of The Year Award given out at the annual Port Cities luncheon which celebrates the cities of Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin together known as the Twin Ports.

June is an active volunteer at many organizations in the Duluth region. She is a board member of the Duluth Public Library, a member of St. Luke's volunteer service guild, and a teacher at the University for Seniors, just to name a few. In addition, June also serves as a lay minister at First United Methodist Church and an Election Judge.

The Twin Ports communities are thankful for June's hard work and dedication. Throughout decades of service to others, June has shown that she exemplifies what makes the Twin Ports the great community that it is today. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing 2016's Port Cities Woman of the Year: June Kreutzkamp.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO JUDGE EDMUND V. LUDWIG

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Judge Edmund V. Ludwig of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, a retired U.S. District Court judge and prominent figure in the legal, cultural, and historic life of Bucks County who died on May 17, 2016, three days short of his 88th birthday.

In June 1985, on the recommendation of U.S. Senators, John Heinz III and Arlen Specter, President Ronald Reagan nominated Ludwig to fill the seat vacated by Judge Raymond Broderick. The Senate confirmed the appointment, and Judge Ludwig took the bench on Oct. 17, 1985. He became a senior judge on May 20, 1997, and gradually reduced his workload until retiring a couple of years ago.

In 1996, Judge Ludwig ordered Major League Baseball umpires to work through the World Series after they threatened to boycott games in the wake of the Roberto Alomar spitting incident.

Angry over a third-strike call, Alomar, the Baltimore Orioles star second baseman, spit at umpire John Hirschbeck. Alomar claimed that the umpire had uttered a racial slur. Hirschbeck was furious at Alomar's comments, and other umpires were outraged by the incident.

However, Judge Ludwig stayed above the fray.

"These umpires are the best, and without them, the harm to baseball will be irreparable," he ruled. "The game of baseball occupies a special place in this country and it belongs to the millions of fans."

Jeremy Heep, the judge's law clerk in the mid-1990s and now a partner at the Pepper Hamilton firm, said his former boss epitomized a true public servant.

"He was a wonderful judge in his own right, but in addition to that, he used the inherent prestige that came with the robe to influence society in a good way. It was a wonderful thing to watch," Heep said.

"He would quietly go behind the scenes, pick up the phone, and call people. He would further very good causes—promoting juvenile justice, improving mental health services in Pennsylvania, and getting the bar to improve indigent representation."

An educator as well as a jurist, Judge Ludwig held faculty positions at Hahnemann University, Temple Law School, Villanova Law School, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Among his many honors was the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association in 2005.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of Henry and Ruth Wiener Ludwig. He graduated from Germantown Friends School in 1945 and earned degrees from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. A Korean War veteran, he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain from the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, after which he took up private practice in Doylestown. In 1968, Judge Ludwig was elected to Bucks County Court and served until 1985.

In 1995, he founded the Doylestown Historical Society, of which he served as chair until 2011. Tina Mazaheri, the society's founding secretary, who served with him on its board of directors, said the judge wanted to ensure that future generations would have the means to enjoy the town and its history.

Judge Ludwig helped establish social service programs, and served on the boards of groups focused on youth and juvenile justice, mental health, alternatives to incarceration, support for women, and rights for the disabled. In 1971, he cofounded TODAY Inc., a residential drug treatment program, and served on its board until 1985.

Part of his effectiveness lay in his tenacious pursuit of any project he tackled. Ultimately, though, Judge Ludwig "was always about making sure that people who needed help got help, and about recognizing those who gave the help, but not himself," Mazaheri said.

An avid reader, Judge Ludwig enjoyed Shakespeare, poetry, and historical fiction. He delighted in telling jokes and exploring the art of the pun. He played and watched tennis, and loved to eat out at local restaurants with family and friends.

He was married to Elizabeth Serkin for 18 years before they divorced. They had four children.

He also was divorced from Sara Webster.

Besides his former wives and daughter, he is survived by sons Edmund V. Jr., Toby, and David, and five grandchildren. A grandson preceded him in death.

And that is just the way it is.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 15

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017".

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues

To hold hearings to examine barriers to education globally, focusing on getting girls in the classroom.

SD-419

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementing the Child Care Development Block Grant Act of 2014, focusing on perspectives of stakeholders.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine America's insatiable demand for drugs, focusing on examining solutions.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

To hold hearings to examine assessing the Coast Guard's increasing duties, fo-

cusing on drug and migrant interdiction.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine challenges and opportunities for United States business in the digital age.

SD-215

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine United States policy in Libya.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 2839 and H.R. 3004, bills to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission, H.R. 3036, to designate the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center site in New York City, New York, as a national memorial, H.R. 3620, to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, H.R. 4119, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, S. 211, to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 630, to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, S. 1007, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 1623, to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 1662, to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1690, to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington, S. 1696 and H.R. 482, bills to redesignate the Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia, to revise the boundary of that monument, S. 1824, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, S. 2087, to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, S. 2412, to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, S. 2548, to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, S. 2627, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve, S. 2807, to amend title 54, United States Code, to require State approval before the Secretary of the Interior restricts access to waters under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service for recreational or commercial fishing, S. 2805, to modify the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, S. 2923, to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as the "Saint-Gaudens National Park for the Arts", S. 2954, to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic

Site in the State of Missouri, S. 3020, to update the map of, and modify the acreage available for inclusion in, the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, S. 3027, to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park, and S. 3028, to redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

SD-366

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine innovations to promote Americans' financial security.

SD-562

JUNE 16

9 a.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of General David L. Goldfein, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of General, and to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.

SD-G50

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine our evolving understanding and response to transnational criminal threats.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and the nominations of Donald Karl Schott, of Wisconsin, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Stephanie A. Finley, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Claude J. Kelly III, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Winfield D. Ong, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and Carole Schwartz Rendon, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio.

SD-226

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Business meeting to mark up an original bill entitled, "Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017", and an original bill entitled, "Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017".

SD-106

11 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine keeping the American dream alive, focusing on creating jobs under the National Labor Relations Board's new joint employer standard.

SR-428A

JUNE 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 initiative.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

To hold hearings to examine small business retirement pooling, focusing on examining open multiple employer plans.

SH-216

JUNE 22

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine accessing Department of Agriculture rural development programs in native communities.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety

To hold hearings to examine pathways towards compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 2882, to facilitate efficient State implementation of ground-level ozone standards, and S. 2072, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program under which the Administrator shall defer the designation of an area as a non-attainment area for purposes of the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard if the area achieves and maintains certain standards under a voluntary early action compact plan.

SD-406

JUNE 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine customer service and billing practices in the cable and satellite television industry.

SD-342

JULY 13

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine a review of the Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record (VistA), progress toward interoperability with the Department of Defense's electronic health record, and plans for the future.

SD-124

POSTPONEMENTS

JUNE 16

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine reviewing the rulemaking records of independent regulatory agencies.

SD-342